



**First Round of Qualifying Complete at Palmetto Pro Open
64 players left in qualifying for USTA Pro Circuit \$10,000 Women's Tournament**

SUMTER, May 18, 2013 – The second round of qualifying for the Palmetto Pro Open, a United States Tennis Association Women's \$10,000 Pro Circuit Event, is now set at the Palmetto Tennis Center.

Only four of Saturday's matches in the first round of qualifying went to a third set – with all four winners losing the first set. **Sydney Rider** (USA) defeated **Terri Fleming** (USA) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; **Samantha Powers** (USA) defeated **Usue Maitane Arconada** (USA) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; **Daniella Roldan** (USA) defeated **Katherine White** (GBR) 4-6, 7-5, 7-6(3); and **Khristina Blajekvitch** (CAN) defeated **Sianna Simmons** (USA) 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

The top five qualifying seeds found out their opponents as well on Saturday. **Sherry Li**, the top qualifying seed, will face **Samantha Asch**, who beat **Miriam Ruth Lane** 6-2, 6-3; **Ashley Murdock** (USA), seeded second, takes on **Yukako Noi** (JPN), who defeated **Raveena Kingsley** (USA) 6-4, 6-3; third-seeded **Denise Muresan** (USA) faces Powers; fourth-seeded **Amanda Rogers** (USA) will take on **Elizabeth Vlachakis** (USA), who also had a first round bye; and fifth-seed **Jainy Scheepens** (NED) will face **Josie Kuhlman** (USA), a 6-1, 6-1 winner over **Rachael Reed** (USA).

In other action on Saturday: **Kristina Mathis** (USA) defeated **Vivian Mayumi Toma** (BRA) 6-3, 6-0; **Jemileth Aguilar** (VEN) defeated **Khume Herring** (USA) 6-0, 6-0; **Jada Robinson** (USA) beat **Peeraya Charoensirisutthikul** (THA) 7-5, 6-1; **Kennedy Wicker** (USA) took down **Gail Falkenberg** (USA) 6-2, 6-0; **Jessie Lynn Paul** (USA) won 6-1, 6-0 over **Valerie Elizabeth Droop** (USA); **Mercedes Hammond** (USA) defeated **Elena Sava** (ROU) 6-2, 6-3; **Jacqueline Wu** (USA) beat **Catherine Martin** (USA) 6-0, 6-2; **Mariaryeni Gutierrez** (VEN) took down **Alex Martin** (USA); and **Claudine Maheu** (CAN) defeated **Alexia Rycroft** (USA) 6-1, 6-1.

Michelle Sammons (RSA) defeated **Nicole Kraemer** (AUS) 6-0, 6-0; **Magen Head** (USA) took down **Charity Johns** (USA) 6-1, 6-2; **Joanna Nalborska** (POL) was a 6-0, 6-2 winner over **Lea Lenor Kotto** (USA); **Jasmin Jebawy** (GER) took a 6-1, 6-1 victory over **Sophie Barnard** (USA); **Masako Makiba** (JPN) was a 6-4, 6-4 winner over **Aurora Davis** (USA); **Maddison Inglis** (AUS) defeated **Ka-Leah Muchison** (USA) 6-1, 6-1; **Nadia Gizdova** (USA) defeated **Olena Leonchuck** (UKR) 6-2, 6-3; **Magdalena Ekert** (POL) took down **Stephanie J. Smith** (USA) 6-1, 6-3; **Olga Boulytcheva** (RUS) defeated **Darian Defrench** (USA) 6-1, 6-0; and **Apichaya Runglerdkriangkrai** (THA) won 6-0, 6-0 over **Olga Blandford** (RUS).

Play starts tomorrow at 9 a.m. with eight qualifying singles matches. Admission is free!

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